

Appendix 3

Mandates of SHB 5311

Senate Bill 5311, the Caring for Washington Individuals with Autism Task Force, required the following:

- Make recommendations to the legislature regarding the growing incidence of autism and ways to improve the delivery and coordination of autism services in the state;
- Review available literature and consult with experts to gain an understanding of the causes of the disorder and its incidence in WA;
- Assess the availability of services currently provided for early screening, diagnosis, and treatment of the disorder;
- Assess the availability of services to assist families of individuals with autism;
- Review the effectiveness of programs and services provided to individuals with autism and their families;
- Review other issues and concerns that the taskforce believes would be helpful in arriving at sound policy recommendations;
- Complete its review and submit its recommendations to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the legislature and the governor by Dec 1, 2006.